



## TA Tidbits

### Two Up-coming Conferences that should be interesting:

1. **Region IV and T/TA Network's Summer Conference**
  - August 29 – September 1, 2011
  - Located at the Hilton Atlanta Airport (hotel rooms will be provided, no limitation to number attending)
  - Go to [Headstart@outsourcing.com](mailto:Headstart@outsourcing.com) to register. The program must submit how many rooms they will need, but then reserve by calling the Atlanta Airport Hilton at 404.767.9000.
  - Food and transportation will be the responsibility of the program.
  
2. The Office of Head Start **1st National Birth to Five Leadership Institute, October 3 – 5 in Washington DC**, will provide opportunities for leadership development through the promotion of effective strategies for achieving school readiness and continuous program improvement. This Institute is designed for staff and parent leaders. Programs are encouraged to select a team of leaders who, after the Institute, will be prepared to lead the way for 2011 and beyond. [View the theme and goals here.](#)

## EHS Corner

### New Resources

#### Play:

Explore the different definitions of play and why it is so important in this edition of **News You Can Use**. This is useful information for home visitors, program staff, caregivers, and others serving infants and toddlers through Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. Play benefits every aspect of child development as infants and toddlers explore their world and their bodies, while also learning about and mastering relationships and social skills.

- [Introduction](#)
- [What Is Play](#)
- [Why Is Play So Important?](#)
- [Learning About the World Through Play](#)
- [Learning About Our Bodies Through Play](#)

## Preschool News!

### Special Quest Materials:

The Special Quest Multimedia Training Library was designed to strengthen the inclusion of young children with disabilities and their families in programs serving infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The Library includes four learning modules. Each module contains a presenter's guide, training scripts, handouts (in English and Spanish), and videos (in English, and with English and Spanish captioning). The materials can be used in a variety of professional development settings and will assist service providers and parents in planning together to increase opportunities for inclusion in their communities. Go to <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/teaching/Disabilities/Staff%20Support%20and%20Supervision/Orientation/specialquest-training-library/specialquest-multimedia-training-library.html> .

### Head Start Centers and Use of Space: Head Start Design Guide

This chapter from the **Head Start Design Guide** summarizes the Head Start Program Performance Standards relevant to planning the design and use of space. This resource can be used by program directors and members of the agency's facilities planning team. The general design implications of program criteria are discussed.

You can find this online at:

[http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ttasystem/teaching/eecd/Learning%20Environments/Planning%20and%20Arranging%20Spaces/edudev\\_art\\_00059\\_051606.html](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ttasystem/teaching/eecd/Learning%20Environments/Planning%20and%20Arranging%20Spaces/edudev_art_00059_051606.html)

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